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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

SUSIE M. LUCINARIO, R.N. License # NR15375700

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about January 21, 2014, a letter of inquiry issued on behalf of the Board, asking respondent, inter alia, to provide documentation, in the form of certificates of completion, of all nursing continuing education completed in the last three years..
- 3. Respondent has provided documentation of eleven contact hours of nursing continuing education completed in August of 2013 and 30 contact hours of nursing continuing education completed in February of 2014.

4. Respondent indicated on her 2013 renewal application that she would not have completed all required continuing education for the 2011-2013 renewal period by May 31, 2013.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent's failure to provide documentation of timely completion of continuing education requirements for the 2011-2013 licensing cycle constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).
- 2. Respondent's indication on her 2013 renewal application that she would complete all required continuing education by May 31, 2013 constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on September 13, 2014, provisionally imposing a public reprimand, and a \$250.00 civil penalty. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was signed for. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The

Board considered this matter, and determined that service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 7th day of Wovember, 2014, ORDERED that:

- 1. A public reprimand is hereby imposed for the violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 45:1-21(b).
- 2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$ \$250 is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be sent to the attention of George Hebert, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, 124 Halsey Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newark, NJ 07101 within 21 days of the filing of this order.
- 3. Of the contact hours of continuing education provided by respondent, including the contact hours completed in 2013, only eleven of the contact hours completed on February 26, 2014 may be applied to satisfy continuing education requirements for the June 1, 2013-May 31, 2015 renewal period.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD,/

**Board President**